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Letter from President Kelley

Dear UND Colleague:

I am pleased to announce that as of July 31, the PeopleSoft Human Resource Management System (HRMS) Self-Service Module will be available to UND faculty and staff. In addition to supporting the University GREEN initiative, this service provided by the North Dakota University System makes the following features available online from any computer with an Internet connection:

- Update home address, home phone number, home email address, cell phone number, emergency contacts, ethnic group, data privacy flag, direct deposit, W-4 tax information
- Request a reprint of a W-2 and a life event change packet
- View pay stubs dating back to 2004
- View flex/comp balances and claims
- View salary history

To prepare for accessing the HRMS Self-Service module, it is necessary for you to activate your U-mail account, since that is where your Self-Service UserID and Password will be sent. A U-mail address looks like this: `firstname.lastname@und.edu` or `firstname.lastname@und.nodak.edu`. If you are already using U-mail on a daily basis, no action is needed. If not, you must activate your U-mail account. Please activate your U-mail account no later than Friday, July 24.

Before you can activate your U-mail account, you must "claim" your account by going to: <http://www.und.edu/dept/itss/>. From this site, comprehensive documentation and contact information for the UND Help Desk (777-2222) are available. Step-by-step instructions are also available on the Payroll Office website at: <http://www.und.edu/dept/payroll/html/employeecenter.htm>.

If you are using another preferred email address, such as GroupWise, then you must be sure that your U-mail account is activated and set up to forward U-mail messages to your preferred email address. If you still need additional assistance, contact the UND Help Desk at 777-2222.

You will receive more information on the HRMS Self-Service Module in the near future.
-- President Robert O. Kelley

President Kelley invites faculty members to participate in 2009 summer commencement

I invite members of the faculty and administrative staff to join me at UND's Summer Commencement Ceremony on Friday, August 7. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Those participating are asked to wear academic regalia and report to the lower level of the Chester Fritz Auditorium no later than 2:30 p.m. Faculty members will march in the procession and be seated on the stage.

Those planning to participate should contact Terri Machart in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services at 777-2724 or terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu by July 30 to confirm their plans.

Please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events at 777-2724 with any questions.

-- Robert O. Kelley, President

President Obama names UND atmospheric scientist to list of top up-and-coming researchers

President Barack Obama included UND atmospheric scientist Jianglong Zhang in his list of 100 beginning researchers receiving the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on young professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. The recipients will receive their awards in the fall at a special White House ceremony.

"These extraordinarily gifted young scientists and engineers represent the best in our country," President Obama said. "With their talent, creativity, and dedication, I am confident that they will lead their fields in new breakthroughs and discoveries and help us use science and technology to lift up our nation and our world."

The list included researchers from some of the most widely recognized names in research science, including Harvard, Princeton, Lawrence Berkeley Lab, the University of California, the University of Texas—and UND.

"I cannot begin to say how proud I am to see UND listed among the most prestigious universities in the world," said Bruce Smith, dean of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, which is home to Zhang's department. "Congratulations to Professor Zhang."

"This is a tremendous honor and is a tribute to Dr. Zhang's abilities and hard work," said Mike Poellot, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor and chair of Zhang's department.

Zhang's most recent research focuses on satellite detection of atmospheric aerosols and improving aerosol and visibility forecasting through data assimilation into global models. Aerosols are suspended particles in the air which impact climate through mechanisms such as reflecting solar energy, warming the atmosphere, modifying cloud properties and precipitation patterns.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has determined that aerosols could have a similar impact to climate like greenhouse gases do, but opposite in sign. Yet much is still unknown, Zhang said. He is interested in the effect of aerosols on climate change. His research is also expected to facilitate air quality studies and improve regional particle pollution forecasts.

Zhang, a native of Xining, in central China, graduated from Peking University with a degree in atmospheric physics; he got his Ph.D. in 2004 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He came to UND in 2007.

-- Juan Pedraza, Writer/Editor, University Relations, juanpedraza@mail.und.edu, 777-6571

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Hamline Square Apartment tours held Tuesdays in July

Units are still available in the new Hamline Square University Apartments near the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Tours of the apartments will be held on July 14, 21 and 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are welcome. No reservations are required. The building is scheduled to open August 1.

Tours will take place at the south entrance of the east building (1150 Hamline St). For more information, contact the Housing Office at 777-4251. Find rental rates and floor plans on the website at

<http://www.housing.und.edu/apartments/hamline.html>.

Hamline Square University Apartments are 77 spacious units with air conditioning, dishwasher, microwave, laundry hook-up and underground heated parking. Water and garbage collection will be included in the monthly rent. To be eligible for Hamline Square, the leaseholder needs to be a UND student 21 years of age or older by December 31, or eligible for family housing; roommates may be younger than 21.

-- Judy Sargent, Director, Residence Services, judysargent@mail.und.edu, 777-4251

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Doctoral examination set for Maninder Sidhu

The final examination for Maninder Sidhu, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Microbiology and Immunology, is set for 9 a.m., July 15, 1360 Clifford Haugen, School of Medicine and Health Science Building.

The dissertation title is: Role of Dendritic Cells in Spontaneous Polychondritis: Pathogenesis and Prevention.

David S. Bradley (Microbiology) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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BCBSND representative will be on campus to introduce new wellness programs

On Wednesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. and noon, discover how to participate in the Health Club Credit and MyHealthCenter programs. Milissa Van Eps from BCBSND will explain the wellness programs, how to get started and the opportunities you have to earn up to \$250 in incentives.

These one hour informational sessions will take place in the lecture bowl at the Union. Please plan to attend if you have questions, concerns or want to learn more.

-- Kim Ruliffson, Coordinator of Work Well, Wellness Center, kimberlyruliffson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0210

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Info sessions set for Blue Cross Blue Shield programs

Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) recently sent a letter and new insurance cards to launch you into better health. These programs allow each benefited employee the ability to earn up to a total of \$250 in incentives and prizes annually.

Please join us for one of the information sessions that will be held on the Grand Forks campus on July 15th.

Attend from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or noon to 1 p.m. at the Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union to learn more about the programs (the 9 a.m. session will be repeated at noon). Representatives from BCBS, Work Well, Payroll and the UND Wellness Center will be there to answer questions.

Before you sign up, collect the following information for the health assessment:

- BCBSND number from your insurance card
- Use a tape measure to determine your waist size
- Measure your current weight
- Gather your Health Screening numbers - total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, blood glucose and blood pressure. (The most current numbers will give the best overview, but you can get started without the numbers, just know you likely will be stratified as higher risk in terms of health).
- Contact Kim Ruliffson, Coordinator of Work Well if you participated in a prior health screening for your numbers. Your EMPLID number will be needed for your results. Contact information for Kim Ruliffson is: 777-0210, kimberlyruliffson@mail.und.nodak.edu
- BCBS covers up to \$200 for preventive screening, so you can go to your doctor for screenings (but you may want to check first on coverage and prices).
- Work Well is working on screening sessions to be announced by the end of the month.

Sign-up for the new Blue Cross Blue Shield Wellness Programs at: www.ndwellnesscenter.com (click the MyHealthCenter tab). You will need to complete an enrollment and health assessment (annually).

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Burgers on the Boulevard open Thursdays in July

Burgers on the Boulevard, the quick lunch grill located outside of Stomping Grounds University Place will be open Thursday, July 16, 23, and 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (weather permitting). Check out the new menu options. Cheddarwurst and Polish Sausage are now on the menu as well as hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled chicken and veggie burgers grilled fresh to order. You may also purchase side salads, beverages and chips. Enjoy patio seating outside or cool air-conditioning inside University Place. Parking available on Stanford Road.

Menu:

- Polish Sausage - \$1.50
- Cheddarwurst - \$1.50
- Hamburger - \$1.50
- Cheeseburger - \$1.75
- Veggie Burger - \$1.75
- Grilled Chicken - \$1.75

-- Jeff St. Michel, Assistant Director, Dining Services, jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu, 777-3823

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Doctoral examination set for Sherry Messmer

The final examination for Sherry Messmer, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching & Learning, is set for 11 a.m., July 16, room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is: Pain Management: Knowledge and Attitudes of Senior Nursing Students and Practicing Registered Nurses. Dr. Richard Landry (Educational Foundations & Research) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Helen Melland farewell reception is July 16

Join the College of Nursing in saying farewell to Helen Melland, interim dean of nursing.

A farewell reception will be held Thursday, July 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (program at 3:30 p.m.) at the J. Lloyd Stone House.

Helen has been an integral part of the College since 1989 and has helped us to grow into a leading school of nursing. During her time at UND, Helen has worn many hats including that of professor, department chair, associate dean, interim dean, and, most importantly, friend and mentor.

Helen is leaving UND to be the dean of nursing at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. Let us tip our hats and thank Helen for sharing her energy, time, talent, and vision that has clearly been an asset to the College, UND, North Dakota, and the nursing profession.

-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Officer, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 777-4526

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UND Summer Picnic scheduled for Thursday, July 16

All University staff, faculty, and students are welcome to attend the UND Summer Picnic scheduled for Thursday, July 16, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Wilkerson Dining Center. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5. President Robert Kelley and his wife, Marcia, will be attending the event sponsored by the UND President's Office and Dining Services. This event is an excellent opportunity to visit with retired UND staff and families.

-- Judy Sargent, Director, Residence Services, judysargent@mail.und.edu, 777-4251

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Doctoral examination set for Amy L. Albrecht

The final examination for Amy L. Albrecht, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, is set for 10 a.m., July 17, room 1360 - Clifford Haugen - Medical School. The dissertation title is: Basal and Metal Induced Expression of Metallothionein and Zinc Transporters in RWPE-1 Human Prostate Epithelial Cell Line. Dr. Scott H. Garrett (Pathology Department) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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New Rockford to host "Why?" July 18

Is a book on the Web still a book? Do hyperlinks change the role of narrative? What is an author if anyone can publish anything whenever they want? Folks in New Rockford, N.D., want to know.

Learn the answers to these and many other new media questions Saturday, July 18, 2 p.m. in the newly refurbished Opera House in New Rockford, where the popular Prairie Public radio call-in show Why? will be taped for the first time in front of live audience. This live recording is the first of what the show's creators expect to be many live events across the state, encouraging North Dakotans from even the most rural areas to participate in a large-scale and continuous philosophical discussion.

Why? was developed and is hosted by UND philosopher Jack Russell Weinstein, founder and director of the Institute for Philosophy in Public Life.

At the New Rockford episode of Why? guest Crystal Alberts, a “new media” expert, will crack open “philosophy of literature” to help investigate our assumptions about literature, reading, and art. Alberts has a Ph.D. in English and American Literature from Washington University in St. Louis and is a visiting professor of English at UND.

“Crystal is representative of the energy and learning that our newer scholars bring with them out of graduate school,” said Why? host Jack Weinstein, from the UND Department of Philosophy and Religion. “She is more aware of the cutting edge than most people I know, and talking with her will be a challenge to my own assumptions, not just the listeners. This will be a lively, exciting, and interactive episode.”

Have a question you want to ask Crystal during the show but can’t be in the audience? Ask it in advance by sending it to: askwhy@und.edu. Subscribe to the podcast or listen to previous episodes online at www.whyradioshow.org. This New Rockford episode will be broadcast on Prairie Public on August 9, at 5 p.m. Central Time.

Why? Philosophical Discussions about everyday life is North Dakota’s very own call-in philosophy radio show. Its purposes are to create a large-scale conversation between philosophical professionals and the general public and to illustrate how day-to-day life is steeped in deep philosophical commitments.

The show is broadcast live on 89.3 FM in Grand Forks, other Prairie Public radio stations across the state, in Winnipeg on Shaw Cable, 107.9, and online for anyone who wants it around the world at www.whyradioshow.org

-- Jack Russell Weinstein, associate professor, Philosophy and Religion, jack.weinstein@und.nodak.edu, 777-2887

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Doctoral examination set for Kevin Fishbeck

The final examination for Kevin Fishbeck, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching & Learning, is set for 5 p.m., July 20, in room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is: The Assessment and Perception of Computer Skills of Freshmen at the University of Mary. Dr. Richard Landry (Educational Foundations & Research) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Doctoral examination set for Waylon Clyde Baker

The final examination for Waylon Clyde Baker, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Communication and Public Discourse, is set for 3 p.m., July 20, in room 210, Corwin-Larimore Building. The dissertation title is: Narrative Theory and Fort Berthold’s Stories of the Paranormal or Supernatural. Dr. Pamela Kalbfleisch (Communication) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Aaron Flynn farewell reception is July 21

A farewell reception for Aaron Flynn will be held on Tuesday July 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loading Dock in the Memorial Union. Please come join us and wish Aaron good luck as he starts his new job as a Residence Hall Director at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. Lunch and refreshments provided.

-- Amber Flickinger, Student Health Promotion Office GSA, Student Health Services,
amberflickinger@mail.und.edu, 777-2097

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Doctoral examination set for Lory Mae Keller

The final examination for Lory Mae Keller, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching & Learning, is set for 1 p.m., July 21, room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is: Alcohol on College Campuses in North Dakota: Levels of Consumption, Gender, and Negative Consequences. Dr. Richard Landry (Educational Foundations & Research) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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NDMOA concert in the sculpture garden is July 21

A Museum of Art concert featuring Knick Knackerson and the Minglers, with Luie Lopez III opening, is July 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The public is invited to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and take their place in the sculpture garden. Food and drinks are served, plus root beer floats.

Knick Knackerson and The Minglers bring a blend of updated roots, rock and country. The Minglers are a Winnipeg-based music outfit with a constantly changing line-up. Easily drifting through many different styles of music, the Minglers new brand of alt country can only be described as eclectic. The Minglers' music features bold instrumentation and teeters unpredictably between the genres of contemporary and old timey.

Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

-- Matthew Wallace, Director of Rural Arts Initiative , NDMOA, mwallace@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Blues on the Red music series continues

The Greater Grand Forks Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the second of the 2009 Blues on the Red music series Saturday, July 25, from 5 to 10 p.m., in Town Square, with two exciting acts from out of town: Cool Disposition (headliner) and Dee Miller Band (feature).

The event, co-sponsored by the City of Grand Forks, the CVB and Canad Inns Destination Center, is in its second year, and with the addition of a third date and new entertainment, it promises to be even better than the inaugural year. The music will get rolling at 5 p.m. and last until 10 p.m., and admission is free to all. Lawn chairs welcome; concessions available.

The last of the 2009 Blues series will be held August 22, with Jimi 'Prime Time' Smith with Barbara LeShoure as the headliner and Eddie Rickert & Blue Voodoo as the feature.

The first Blues on the Red was held August 9, 2008, with well over 600 people convening in Town Square. Highlights from the event can be found by logging on to the CVB's website at www.visitgrandforks.com and clicking on Videos. A second event was held on September 20, 2008.

The local planning committee consists of Cheri Reitmeier, Town Square Farmer's Market; Greg Hoover, Urban Development; Ben Klipfel, UND; Mark Landa; and Julie Rygg, Deb Stewart and James Feist, all of the CVB.

For more information about Blues on the Red, contact Julie Rygg, Executive Director, at 701.746.0444 or julie@visitgrandforks.com.
-- Deb Stewart, Sales Manager, Greater Grand Forks Convention & Visitors Bureau, sales@visitgrandforks.com, 701-746-0444

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Doctoral examination set for Emilia Boesch

The final examination for Emilia Boesch, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Counseling Psychology, is set for 2 p.m., July 22, Memorial Room at the Memorial Union. The dissertation title is: Examining the Cognitive and Somatic Manifestations of Competitive State Anxiety in Special Olympics Athletes. Dr. Cindy Juntunen (Counseling Psychology & Community Services) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Institutional Review Board meeting is August 5

UND's Institutional Review Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, in 404 Twamley to consider all research proposals submitted to the IRB Office before Friday, July 24.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the Full Board. Proposals for these projects are due in the Institutional Review Board Office before Friday, July 17.

Minutes from the meeting will be available in the IRB Office approximately one week after the meeting.

-- Kathy Smart, Chair, Institutional Review Board, janetelshaug@mail.und.edu, 777-4279

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UND day at the Dome is August 29

The Minnesota Twins and UND have teamed up for a special event on Saturday, August 29. All alumni, students, faculty, staff, supporters, friends, and family of UND can take advantage of discounted tickets for the game vs. the Texas Rangers. With your purchase, you will also gain admittance to a UND pregame picnic and a free ballpark lunch. To make it even better, a portion of every ticket sold will go back to support UND.

- 3 p.m. - Pre-game picnic hosted by UND president Robert O. Kelley & featuring the UND Varsity Bards.
- 6:10 p.m. - Minnesota Twins vs. Texas Rangers with President Kelley throwing out the first pitch

Door Prizes, Food & Fun.

\$24 lower reserved (face value \$33)

\$15 upper club (face value \$22)

Prices include ballpark picnic lunch at Gate D outside the Metrodome and game ticket.

For tickets, call 1-800-338-9467 and reference UND day. Orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and will be based on availability. All orders placed the week of August 24 must be picked up at will call. No refunds/exchanges.

For more information, call Mitch Kluska with the Minnesota Twins at 612-375-7436

-- Mike Meyer, Arts & Sciences

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNRISE awarded \$1.95 million grant to study impurity impacts for advanced power systems

An interdisciplinary team of SUNRISE researchers from UND and NDSU has been awarded a \$1.95 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and an additional \$527,000 from the North Dakota EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) program to study the impacts of particulate and trace element impurities on emerging advanced coal power systems.

This three-year program, titled "Performance Impacts of Impurities in Clean Coal Systems Equipped with Carbon Capture Technologies," consists of an interrelated set of experimental and modeling projects focused on improving our understanding of the fundamental chemistry that determines the formation and partitioning of particulate matter and trace elements during oxy-coal combustion and coal gasification.

This DOE grant serves as a foundation project to continue the development of SUNRISE's capabilities into a nationally recognized, highly funded center for research in sustainable energy. The research team comprises Principle Investigator Wayne Seames, SUNRISE director from UND chemical engineering, co-PIs Mark Hoffmann of UND chemistry and Steven Benson of UND chemical engineering, Evguenii Kozliak and David Pierce of UND chemistry, Brian Tande of UND chemical engineering, Uwe Burghaus of North Dakota State University chemistry and Dean Webster of NDSU's coatings and polymeric materials department.

Additional elements of the program include a faculty seed grant program and funding to facilitate collaboration of North Dakota researchers with colleagues at DOE national laboratories. Three SUNRISE outreach programs will also receive support: the SUNRISE summer research experience for undergraduates, the Native American freshman research experience, and the California non-doctoral student outreach through research program.

Founded in 2005, SUNRISE is a student-centered, faculty-led research program at UND, North Dakota State University and other North Dakota Universities.

The mission of SUNRISE is to conduct research that contributes to solving complex energy-related problems, investigate the development of sustainable energy options and spur economic development and job-creation for North Dakota, increase UND and NDSU research competitiveness in sustainable energy, and finally, produce graduates to develop and promote sustainable energy in North Dakota, the region, and the nation. All this is done within a unified, interdisciplinary program that translates fundamental research into commercial solutions.

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Submissions sought for Welcome Weekend student binders

Do you have information that you'd like new students to know? If so, we are again seeking information from departments and organizations to add to our Welcome Weekend student binder. This binder is given to all new students in the fall and is full of flyers, information sheets and welcome letters from various departments and organizations. We encourage you to use this binder as a means of communicating with the newest members of UND's community.

If you are interested in submitting a flyer, e-mail your document (PDF document is preferred) to kristinelson@mail.und.edu. Please include your UND fund and department number and contact information. Upon receiving your request, we will contact you to verify your submission and the color for your copies. We will then send your original to Duplicating Services and 2,000 three-hole punched copies will be billed to your account. Please submit your flyer by Monday, July 27.

For more information, please contact Kristi Nelson.
-- Kristi Nelson, Special Projects Coordinator, Enrollment Services, kristinelson@mail.und.edu, 777-6468

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University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

Microsoft Office Word 2007: Level 1 (Beginning)
July 20, 22, & 23. 9 to 11:30 a.m., Upson II, Room 361
Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse, and file saving and retrieving skills.
Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to create a basic document by using Microsoft Word; edit documents by locating and modifying text; format text; format paragraphs; add tables to a document; add graphic elements to a document; control a document's page setup and its overall appearance; and proof documents to make them more accurate. Presenter: Heidi Strande

Facilities Discoverer Reports Training
July 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Upson II, Room 361
Learn how to access the detailed information your department needs in order to have access to Facilities Discoverer reports. This training includes information on how to access the detail and summary information that breaks down the Facilities charges by individual work orders and/or projects. Presenter: Laura Thoreson

Records Disposal Process
July 21 or July 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Swanson Hall, Room 17
Year-end is upon us and once again it is time to look at disposing of records. This session will review the disposal process. Points covered include, reading/using the retention schedule, navigating the RM website, completing the process. This course is intended for those staff members directly involved in disposing of UND records. Presenter: Christopher Flynn

Defensive Driving
July 23, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211
This workshop is required by State Fleet for all UND employees who drive State Fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Tim Lee

MS Office 2007-How Will It Affect You?
July 29, 2:30 to 4 p.m., Upson II, Room 361
Become familiar with the dramatically different user interface in Office 2007 applications: The Ribbon. Learn how to recognize the new file formats for Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Access 2007 documents. Learn about the file format compatibility issues between Office 2007 files and earlier Office versions. Find out how to install the free Office Compatibility Pack for opening and editing Office 2007 files in earlier Office versions, and how to save Office 2007 files in the earlier version (Office 97-2003 file format). This is an informational presentation, not a hands-on session. Presenter: Heidi Strande
-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, patriciayoung@mail.und.edu, 777-0720

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New interim policy implemented for credit cards

A new interim University policy, "2.3 Accepting Credit Cards and Electronic Checks to Conduct University Business," was issued June 19. The policy can be viewed in its entirety on the VPFO Policy website under Student Account Services, <http://www.und.edu/dept/policyoffice/html/finance.html#bus>.

Policy Statement: "All University of North Dakota departments and colleges that conduct electronic-based financial transactions for the University, which include credit/debit card or electronic check (eCheck) transactions, must be compliant with: Payment Card Data Industry Standards, all applicable laws and mandates, and North Dakota University System and UND policies and procedures."

For questions relating to the policy, please stop by Student Account Services in 202 Twamley Hall, or call 777-2967.

-- Marisa Haggy, Policy Manager, VP for Finance and Operations/Policy Office, marisahaggy@mail.und.edu, 777-4392

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Department brochures requested for resident assistant (RA) training

During the year, RAs (student staff members who live in the residence halls) assist hundreds of UND students in finding help at campus offices. It is important that RAs are aware of all campus resources so they can connect UND students to the right people. Any office or department that would like to share their information is asked to send 20 copies of a brochure/informational material to the Housing Office c/o Renee Hauschulz, Box 9029, by August 1. These resources will be included in a binder for each residence hall and used by staff to make referrals throughout the year. Contact Susan Cohn at 777-5786 if you have any questions.

-- Missy Burgess, Assistant Director, Housing, missyburgess@mail.und.edu, 777-8877

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North Dakota State Fleet updates reservation system

The North Dakota State Fleet is in the process of updating the software used to reserve and dispatch vehicles.

When calling to reserve a vehicle, the following information will be required. Please have this information prior to calling:

- Name
- EMPLID
- Work Phone Number
- E-Mail Address
- License Expiration Date

Once in the system you will only need to provide the name and EMPLID to reserve a vehicle. If you have any questions, please call 777-4122.

-- Mary L. Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, marymetcalf@mail.und.edu, 777-4123

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ELS Language Center has the following positions open:

Assistant Academic Director

Responsibilities: Assist in managing instructional program, supervise staff, schedule classes, teach as required. MA in ESL preferred; teaching experience required. Email resumes to bhettich@els.edu.

International Student Advisor (Part-Time)

Responsibilities: Provide assistance in non-academic areas of student life, orientation, college counseling and other personal assistance; plan/organize student activities. BA/BS preferred; previous cross-cultural or international experience. Email resumes to bhettich@els.edu.

ESL Teacher

Responsibilities: Teach four to six hours a day in an intensive, academically oriented program on UND campus. MA in ESL and teaching experience preferred. Related fields will be considered. Email resumes to bhettich@els.edu.

-- *Bela Hettich, Director, ELS Language Centers, bhettich@els.edu, 777-6785*

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Two new wellness programs available

- MyHealthCenter is an on-line tool to help you and your family with your overall health and the ability to earn up to \$250 in incentives and prizes each calendar year. Employee children (up to age 12) can also earn prizes.
- The Health Club Credit allows up to \$20 monthly for exercising 12 days each month at a participating health facility. This credit is available for each employee AND spouse or dependent over 18 years of age (That is a \$480 return for two)

The UND Wellness Center is a participating facility.

To enroll, bring your insurance card and the My Health Center Welcome Letter to the health facility to enroll. A copy of the letter is available at <http://www.nd.gov/ndpers/> under the My Health Center logo.

You can also combine efforts of the two programs to earn the \$250 a year.

Do you want help with enrollment or have questions? Call a MyHealthCenter customer support representative at: 866-300-6949.

Don't forget you can attend one of the information sessions on July 15th at 9am or 12pm at the Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union.

You can also learn more about worksite wellness at the Work Well Website: www.workwell.und.edu

Start now and earn more rewards before the end of the calendar year.

-- Work Well

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Donated sick leave requested for Jan Smith

Sick and annual leave donations are sought for Jan Smith, nurse practitioner at the Center for family Medicine in Minot. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donated leave forms are available on the Payroll Office website. Go to www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on forms.

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Museum lists new menu items

- Sandwiches:
- \$5 Special - Tuna on wheat bread
 - Roast Beef with Au jus sauce on cottage bread
 - Grilled Cheese with tomato on cottage bread
- Pizzas:
- Chicken Alfredo
 - Chicken Pesto

Salads:

- Cobb Salad
- Taco Salad

-- Matthew Wallace, Director of Rural Arts Initiative , NDMOA, mwallace@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Senate Scholarly Activities Committee lists deadlines

The deadline dates for grant applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) for the 2009-2010 academic year are listed below. Please note that the deadlines for Travel Applications are different than those for Research and Creative Activity, Publication, and New Faculty Scholar Awards.

- Tuesday, September 15, for travel September 16-January 15, 2010
- Thursday, October 15, for Research/Creative Activity or Publication grants
- Friday, January 15, 2010, for travel January 16, 2010-April 30, 2010
- Tuesday, February 16, 2010, for Research/Creative Activity or Publication grants and New Faculty Scholar Awards
- Friday, April 30, 2010, for travel May 1, 2010-September 15, 2010

Late applications will not be accepted. Application forms are available at Research Development and Compliance, 105 Twamley Hall, 777 4278, or on RD&C's home page (on UND's home page under "Research"). The forms are revised frequently, therefore, please obtain an up-to-date form from RD&C or the website. Over the summer, please feel free to contact RD&C (777 4278) for information or guidance when preparing your application.

-- Patrick A. Carr, Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Anatomy and Cell Biology, pcarr@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-4278

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NSF ADVANCE program requests preproposals by July 29

The National Science Foundation has announced a solicitation for the ADVANCE: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers program (NSF 09-504). The goal of the program is to develop systemic approaches to increase representation and advancement of women in academic science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers, thereby contributing to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce. Creative strategies to realize this goal are sought from women and men. Members of underrepresented minority groups and individuals with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Proposals that address the participation and advancement of women with disabilities and women from underrepresented minority groups are particularly encouraged.

In 2009-2010, this program will support the following types of projects:

- Institutional Transformation (IT): Institutional Transformation awards are expected to include innovative systemic organizational approaches to transform institutions of higher education in ways that will increase participation and advancement of women in STEM academic careers. They support comprehensive programs for institution-wide change and must include a research component designed to study the effectiveness of the proposed innovations in order to contribute to the knowledge base informing academic institutional transformation (see additional ADVANCE merit review criteria).
- Institutional Transformation Catalyst (IT-Catalyst) awards are designed to support institutional self-assessment activities, such as basic data collection and analysis and policy review, in order to identify specific issues in the recruitment, retention and promotion of women faculty in STEM academics within their institution

of higher education.

Because an institution may submit only one Institutional Transformation proposal or one IT-Catalyst proposal, UND will conduct an internal review of preproposals for those projects. Preproposals should consist of the following sections:

- Cover page listing the project name, collaborators, contact person,
- Impact on the research program of the collaborators, department(s), and college(s)
- How your plan supports the mission of UND in this area
- Strategies planned to increase representation and advancement of women.
- Short-term pre-funding costs (infrastructure improvement) and long-term financial support plan/need after the grant is over.

Preproposals should be no more than 5 pages in length using a reasonable format (1 inch margins, font size 11, single-spaced). Preproposals are due in Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. Criteria used for reviewing preproposals will include appropriateness to the goal of the program; probability for funding by NSF; reasonableness of budgetary requests; and impact of the request on the university and the academic units involved. Investigators will be notified of the review results as soon as possible in order to meet NSF deadlines (IT and IT-Catalyst Letter of Intent = August 4; Full Proposals = November 12).

Contact RD&C (7-4278 or shirleygriffin@mail.und.nodak.edu) for the complete NSF MRI announcement, or download it at: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5383&govDel=USNSF_39.

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Office of the Vice President for Research, barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4278

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Submission of proposals to external funding agencies begins July 1

Due to personnel changes in Research Development and Compliance, effective July 1, all electronic grant proposals must be sent to Barry Milavetz at barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu with a copy of the e-mail/proposal sent to rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu.

John La Duke will return full time to his position at Arts and Sciences effective July 1. Therefore, proposals should not be sent to him after June 30.

While we will make every effort to ensure that all proposals are submitted in a timely manner, we would appreciate your cooperation. Please notify RD&C well in advance of any deadlines if a complex proposal will be coming for review. Similarly, please allow at least two full business days for Grants and Contracts and RD&C to review each submission prior to a deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4278

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UND National Aging Center will continue to assist Native American elders

You worry about how to get to the doctor's office and how long you will wait after you arrive. Worst of all, your doctor tells you, based on your health, that he or she considers you ten years older than you really are.

This is a discouraging prospect for anyone at any age; for North Dakota Native elders, this is reality. Native elders, those aged 55 years and older, are more susceptible to a number of chronic diseases and incur more barriers to receive health care, according to Twyla Baker-Demaray, director of the National Resource Center on Native American Aging and research analyst at the Center for Rural Health at UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

“Our mission is to identify and increase awareness of evolving Native elder health and social issues through research, education and advocacy. The success of the Center is based on recognition of community expertise in the provision of resources to develop community-based solutions,” said Baker-Demaray.

Recently, the Administration on Aging within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services gave UND’s Resource Center over \$422,000 to continue its work for another three years.

The National Resource Center on Native American Aging was established in 1994 at the Center for Rural Health through a cooperative agreement with the Administration on Aging. The Resource Center’s purpose is to work closely with local service providers throughout the nation to address the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian elders. The National Resource Center on Native American Aging was the first center established of the three centers that exist. The other centers—University of Alaska—Anchorage and the University of Hawaii—each work with their unique state Native populations.

The National Resource Center focuses on community-based health care solutions to strengthen the foundation of every Native tribe, village and homestead. Center staff created a nationally recognized needs assessment process that has assisted more than 330 of the 562 federally recognized tribes.

Baker-Demaray said the NRCNAA will initiate a program to nationally recruit and train Native researchers on aging. In addition, she plans to develop resources to assist both informal caregivers of Native elders and Native elders who, increasingly, are caregivers for children.

“Many tribes also struggle with the problem of elder abuse. We hope to focus on effective ways to intervene and prevent this abuse,” said Demaray. “Our Native elders should be treasured.”

-- Denis MacLeod, Communications Specialist, Center for Rural Health, dmacleod@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-3300

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UND atmospheric sciences student designs severe weather poll

The National Weather Service is constantly vigilant for really bad weather, but when it comes to things like tornado “watch” v. “warning” many people may still be confused, said Vanessa Pearce, a senior who’s double-majoring in atmospheric sciences and Spanish at UND.

“People hear ‘watch’ or ‘warning’ and wonder ‘is that the one I’m supposed to go to the basement for,’” said Pearce, a Maple Grove, Minn., native who’s interning this summer at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Grand Forks. “So I designed a 15-question poll about tornado watches and warnings to evaluate how the public in the Red River Valley responds to them, how they interpret what that information means.”

In a region that’s on the northern edge of the Midwest’s notorious “Tornado Alley,” Pearce and her advisors, Gretchen Mullendore, Rebecca Romsdahl, and Mike Poellot—all faculty in the UND John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences Department of Atmospheric Sciences—say they need to know what the public does with

that information. The goal: figure out ways to improve severe weather information that is delivered to the public.

“A misinterpretation of that kind of information could really impact people’s lives and the safety of their families,” Pearce said.

The survey has been up on SurveyMonkey for the last two tornado watches/warnings that have been issued for the Red River Valley. The Valley includes counties along the Red River on both Minnesota and North Dakota sides. There’s a link to the survey on the Prairie Public Broadcasting Web site at <http://www.prairiepublic.org/radio/>; it’ll soon be linked on other sites, too, Pearce said.

The survey—which is Pearce’s senior project—will be up until the end of September. Pearce will tabulate and analyze the survey results and will report her findings to her department and to the National Weather Service, which—along with UND’s Institutional Review Board—approved the survey before it was published on the Web.

For more information, contact Vanessa Pearce, UND Department of Atmospheric Sciences, at (701)757-0144 or vanessa.pearce@und.edu
-- Juan Pedraza, Writer/Editor, University Relations, juanpedraza@mail.und.edu, 777-6571

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UND recognized for a 35-year partnership in support of the U.S. Armed Forces

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) will recognize UND at the Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium for a partnership that has provided members of the U.S. Armed Forces with flexible education opportunities for the past 35 years. The Symposium will be held in Atlanta, Ga., at the end of July.

Director of DANTES, Jeff Cropsey, stated, “The opportunity to continue one’s education is a primary reason for most people to join the military or continue to serve.”

When DANTES was established in 1974, one of its assigned missions was to facilitate the appropriate use of self-study and independent study courses and programs. UND offers nearly 90 independent study, undergraduate courses that allow military personnel to enroll at any time, work at their own pace, and take up to nine months to complete each course. Military personnel may also earn their bachelor’s degrees in General Studies or Social Science through independent study. UND has offered independent study courses through correspondence by mail since 1910.

UND announced its support for military by offering U.S. Armed Forces veterans a university education at a cost equivalent to the tuition charged to North Dakota residents.
-- Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator, Continuing Education, jenniferswangler@mail.und.edu, 777-6374

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